



Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway Station Access Management Study

DRAFT Meeting Summary

March 25, 2008

Sign-in:

RMAG Members:

Fatemeh Allahdoust
Michael Batt
Dave Edwards
Baba Freeman
Joe Leighton
Kathryn Martin
Patricia Nicoson
Barbara Rovin
Bruce Wright
Dave Vanell

County Staff:

Supervisor Catherine Hudgins
Keith Goodman
Rick Stevens

VHB Staff:

Dalia Levin
Frank Spielberg

The Perspectives Group Staff:

Jim Lawson
Crystal Sarno

Members of the Public in Attendance:

John Bowman
Francine Freedman
Joseph Hsu
Ian MacDonald
Mike Martin
Rick McPhillips
Bill Outerbridge
Ron Sagall

Patty Nicoson opened the meeting and introduced Supervisor Catherine Hudgins.

Supervisor Hudgins thanked the RMAG members for their hard work. She discussed both the bus service study and the transit alternatives in Fairfax County. The RMAG's recommendations and input will help the Board of Supervisors work through the process. She noted that finding funding will be difficult, but that the RMAG has given the County something to work toward.

The RMAG and members of the public introduced themselves.

Jim Lawson presented summaries for both the January 22nd public meeting and the February 26th regular RMAG meeting.

Rick Stevens noted that there had been no further changes on the Rail Project, but that further discussions were being held with the US Department of Transportation.

Patty Nicoson discussed her attending a press conference regarding the Dulles Rail Project sponsored by US Public Interest Research Group. Washington DC Mayor Fenty and the Ward 6 Council Member Tommy Wells spoke about the importance of the Dulles Metrorail extension to their constituents at the press conference.

Bruce Wright and Joe Stowers summarized the discussion held at the Pedestrian and Bicycle Subcommittee meeting held on March 11th. They discussed the need to get RMAG recommendations into the Reston on Foot trails plan to ensure that both short- and long-term improvements and needs are addressed. The group discussed identifying responsible parties for all recommendations. There was also interest in having parallel trails on both sides of the Dulles Toll Road, and four-corner access to the Wiehle Avenue and Reston Parkway stations, with grade separated bike/pedestrian access over Reston Parkway and Wiehle Avenue.

Dave Edwards mentioned that there are a number of new projects near the stations that are claiming to be pedestrian and transit friendly. The RMAG's recommendations could be used as leverage by the County in discussions with developers with projects adjacent to the Metrorail stations. Rick Stevens has been working with the Department of Planning and Zoning staff on plans for the best way to get to the stations. The group discussed talking with property owners about plans to provide walkway to the stations.